

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : D. W. Wiggins  
**Serial No.** : 09/203,853  
**Filed** : December 2, 1998  
**For** : "Flow Control of Frame Based Data Over a  
Synchronous Digital Network"  
**Examiner** : Anh Vu H. Ly  
**Art Unit** : 2616  
**Confirmation No.** : 4737  
**Customer number** : 23644

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 7, 2006**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: